REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claims 1-21 of co-pending application Serial No. 09/812,394. Applicant notes this is a provisional rejection, and submits that the claims in the present application are patentable distinguishable from those claims now pending in this referenced co-pending application as recently amended.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Ridgley et al., U.S. Patent 6,583,800. Applicant believes the Examiner meant to provide the rejection under 35 USC §102(e), and is considering this rejection as such.

With regards to the '800 patent to Ridgley, Applicant respectfully submits that the invention disclosed therein is substantially different from the present invention, and is related to navigating through a hierarchy of visual information, including moving forward and backward through nodes and branches while navigating through content, and interacting directly with the content of information units. One object of Ridgley is to seamlessly integrate computer function and a user interface. The teachings noted by the Examiner in column 9 and 10 provides specific details of the navigation through visual information. The noted teachings in column 12 provide discussion on the clarification process that is repeated until the user's desires are satisfied, whereby the user can

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navigate forward and backward along a path taken down the information hierarchy. It is noted that the IDENTITY area acts as a last-in-first-out (LIFO) buffer that provides for this navigation. Ridgley specifically states in column 13, lines 13-18 that the items in the history display are spatially configured in a two dimensional array rather than linearly in an outlined form and is the implementation that is believed to be novel and useful. The MEMORIZATION function allows the contents to be moved from CONTEXT area to the DESIRE area. Columns 16 and 17 provide a good illustration of the navigation.

Referring now to Applicant's independent Claim 1 as presented, the prior art to Ridgley fails to teach or suggest reconstructing user-viewable stimuli as it was previously displayed, and further, fails to teach or suggest a storage platform for storing user-viewed visual stimuli. Reconstruction means "to construct again", and as disclosed and claimed is to be understood as active construction of user-visual stimuli, not simply re-displaying visual stimuli. Ridgley provides re-displaying of information during the navigation sequence and does not teach any form of reconstruction of visual information. Moreover, there is no storage platform disclosed by Ridgley, but rather, a LIFO buffer, also referred to as a queue (see column 12, lines 44-57 and column 14 lines 31-40). The claimed storage platform stores user-viewed visual stimuli as opposed to buffering visual stimuli which is a contemporaneous holding of data.

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With regard to independent Claim 15, there is specifically recited an instruction for "enumerating" through each unique instance of content. Ridgley et al fails to teach or suggest enumerating through any visual content. The function of enumerating means to count or list, as in a sequential action. Ridgley et al simply displays what a user selects it to display. The software of Ridgley does not itself enumerate through anything. Rather, the user navigates through content as desired.
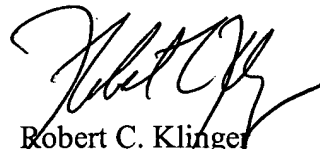
Likewise, independent Claim 18 recites a system that includes means for enumerating through each unique instance of content related to at least one child web page that is related to a parent web page. Ridgley fails to teach or suggest any enumeration through such a child web page.

With regards to dependent Claim 20, there is further recited means for tracking eye movement related to the previously displayed visual stimuli. Ridgley fails to teach or suggest any tracking of eye movement, or structure for providing same.

While the prior art to Ridgley is interesting as a visual navigation tool, upon further analysis it does not perform the claimed features of the present invention, as specifically articulated above.

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A two month Extension of Time is included herewith, and no additional fees are believed to be due. However, if any further fees are due, the Examiner is authorized to debit Deposit Account 50-1752. If any other matters remain the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve these matters by Examiner's amendment where possible.

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